

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A connector for connecting a connection object, comprising:

an insulator having a pair of walls which are opposite to each other to define a holding hole therebetween;

a conductive contact held by said insulator for electrically connecting said connection object; and

a conductive plate held by said insulator, said conductive plate having a spring piece facing said conductive contact, said spring piece having plural finger pieces for elastically contacting with said connection object, said finger pieces being arranged in said holding hole to have a slit left between adjacent ones of said finger pieces, each of said finger pieces extending outwardly of said holding hole, said insulator having a beam portion which is placed in said slit and connected between said walls.

2. (previously presented) The connector according to claim 1, wherein said conductive contact is used as a signal contact, said conductive plate being used a ground plate.

3. (previously presented) The connector according to claim 1, further comprising a metal shell covering said insulator and electrically connected to said conductive plate.

4. (currently amended) The connector according to claim 1, wherein ~~said insulator has a holding hole~~, said conductive plate further ~~having~~ has a press-fitting portion which is press-fitted into said holding hole.

5. (previously presented) The connector according to claim 4, wherein said finger pieces extend from said press-fitting portion, said slit extending into said press-fitting portion.

6. (previously presented) The connector according to claim 5, wherein said beam portion is located in said holding hole to extend through said slit that is at said press-fitting portion.

7. (previously presented) The connector according to claim 1, wherein said beam portion is formed integral with said insulator.

8. (previously presented) The connector according to claim 1, wherein said spring piece is of a branched shape to

form said finger pieces.

9. (currently amended) A connector to be connected to a connection object, comprising:

an insulator having a pair of walls which are opposite to each other to define a holding hole therebetween;

a first contact point; and

a second contact point placed opposite to said first contact point,

said first contact point generating contact force towards said second contact point,

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said second contact point having branched portions arranged in said holding hole, each of said branched portions extending outwardly of said holding hole,

said insulator having a beam portion which is located between said branched portions and connected between said walls.

10. (currently amended) The connector according to claim \pm 9, wherein said first contact point serves as a signal contact, said second contact point serving as a ground plate.